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Colonel Harris B. Hull, USAF  
Deputy for Intelligence  
Headquarters, Far East Air Forces  
A. P. O. 925  
San Francisco, California

Dear Harris:

Since General Cabell is away from Washington for a month or so, his office referred your letter regarding the TU-104 (Camel) aircraft to me. I enjoyed reading through it and then referred it to our analysts who will find it useful, I am sure.

It is good of you to keep our interests in mind and we greatly appreciate your offer to keep us up to date on this subject.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Robert Amory, Jr.

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17. MAY 1957

Lieutenant General C. P. Cabell, USAF  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Cabell:

On 8 and 10 April 1957 Soviet TU-104 (CAMEL) aircraft, registry number 5415, landed and refueled at Don Muang Airport, Bangkok, Thailand. This aircraft was flight testing the route from Moscow to Djakarta, Indonesia, for a subsequent flight early in May carrying Soviet President Klementi Voroshilov on a state visit to Djakarta.

The attached supplementary report contains a brief resume of the coverage obtained at Bangkok, and is forwarded for your information.

To fulfill the Specific Requests for Information established by Headquarters USAF and the Air Technical Intelligence Center, FEAF Air Technical Intelligence Liaison Office plans a continued exploitation of flights within the South East Asia area. An Air Technical Intelligence Liaison officer was in Djakarta during the Soviet visit to exploit the aircraft used, and instructions were sent to each Air Attache office in countries expected to be utilized by the Soviets during these flights.

While we have obtained good basic data on fuel tanks, antennae, electronic equipment, and landing gear; the Air Technical Intelligence Center and Headquarters USAF have requested additional intelligence on the power plants, sun tracking compass, and the capability of this aircraft to be converted to a cargo-carrying aircraft. Our interest in the CAMEL is heightened by the fact that it is representative of Soviet design and power plant engineering in other first line offensive Soviet Air Force aircraft, notably the BADGER and BISON.

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Supplement to  
CAMEL Report

HARRIS B. HULL  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Intelligence

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6 JUN 1957

Colonel Harris B. Hull, USAF  
Headquarters, Far East Air Forces  
APO 925, San Francisco, California

Dear Harris:

As you know, General Cabell is out of the country, and in his absence I should like to thank you for your letter of 17 May [redacted]

We too, were intrigued by the possibilities this camera seemed to offer and instigated action some time ago for procurement of several units for our test and evaluation. In May 1957, we received five cameras which are presently being evaluated both mechanically and optically.

So far, we have found the camera to be extremely interesting, although not without several objectionable points. We hope, if possible, to persuade the manufacturer to overcome these difficulties before he starts his production run.

It is expected that our tests will be completed soon. Should your people desire a report concerning our findings, we would be most happy to provide the information.

We are returning your instruction pamphlet inasmuch as we received several with our cameras.

Your letter will be brought to General Cabell's attention upon his return.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Assistant to the Director

Enclosures: 1. Pamphlet

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**Colonel Harris B. Hull, USAF**  
**Headquarters, Far East Air Forces**  
**APO 925, San Francisco, California**

**Dear Colonel Hull:**

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**Lieutenant General, USAF**  
**Deputy Director**

**Enclosures: 1. Pamphlet**  
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